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NOTE AND COMMENT

In an address before the Women's Canadian club in Montreal the other day, His Excellency, the Governor-General, made the proposal that there should be erected "on the point of Quebec first visible to a steamer coming up the St. Lawrence a colossal statue of the Angel of Peace, with arms out-stretched offering to clasp to her heart every new arrival from Europe."

The idea is a beautiful one, but do Canadians want it applied in its entirety? Do we want to clasp to our hearts all the possible arrivals from Europe? And if such statue is appropriate at Quebec, why not put one up at Victoria as well? But let Earl Grey make such a further suggestion and he and Hon. James Dunsuir would be in the same boat. Ideals of universal peace and brotherhood are all right, till they strike the snag of racial prejudice.

Germany is at present stirred up, as it has not been for many years back, over a libel case, which has involved some of the most powerful figures in the Fatherland and into which even the name of the Emperor's older sister has just been dragged. General Count Von Moltke, as a summary of the case in an Eastern contemporary indicates, was until May last one of the chiefs of the greatest army in the world. In that army, by the special orders of Kaiser William, he held the important post of military governor of Berlin. Early this year a Berlin journalist named Harden came into possession of evidence—or what he firmly believed to be evidence—that horrible orgies and immoralities were common among a certain circle in the Court very near to the throne. In an article he wrote in his paper, Count Moltke and Prince Philip zu Eulenburg were plainly indicated as participants in these orgies.

The young Crown Prince, in defence of the honor of the German army, directed the Kaiser's attention to the Harden charges, with the result that Von Moltke was stripped of his high honors, Prince Eulenburg was publicly rebuffed by his Sovereign, and both men were ordered to prosecute Harden as the only means of restoring their good name.

One trial has been held without definite results, and a second, that of Von Moltke against Harden, is now in progress. The sort of evidence presented may be inferred from the fact that the public and press have been excluded.

"The affair has shaken Germany almost as profoundly as the Dreyfus conspiracy shook France, and the Emperor quite understands that the old aristocracy is on trial, as well as the higher personnel of the army. He is determined to make gross immorality an impossibility on the part of any high Prussian or German official."

The case has very decided interest in itself but there are general details that it is particularly well worth while for us in Canada to make note of. Charges of immorality were made not long ago against one of our public men. He is still in office and he has taken no steps to prosecute the journal which accused him. To excuse himself he says that it would only give that publication the kind of notoriety that it lives on. Von Moltke could have said the same thing but it evidently would not have gone down with the Emperor. The men face that the charges were made in a public print, which was read by thousands of people, makes it imperative in one case as in the other that action be taken. The more irresponsible the newspaper concerned, the more need there is for punishing it, if its accusations are not based on fact. If damages cannot be recovered, its editor can at least be put in jail.

The Cranbrook (B.C.) Prospector says: "That Canadian-French treaty looks like the rottenest piece of punk ever put up in a Chinese Joss house, and is an insult to the intelligence of a Canadian Parliament."

This is the treaty that Mr. Root, the Conservative candidate in Red Deer, described the other day as "a cracking good one." There should be an interesting time in the Conservative caucus at Ottawa should Mr. Root and the Prospector's favorite candidate come together there.

The Medicine Hat Times puts this headline over its report of a municipal meeting in that city: "The annual jolly. Aldermen read figures, ratemakers don't understand them and an uninteresting discussion follows."

The picture thus given of municipal life in Medicine Hat is true of most other cities in the Dominion. Such unbusiness-like methods are followed that affairs are in a constant muddle. The ratemakers who try to take an interest in the town or city's affairs find it next to impossible to secure the necessary information on which to base his opinions. This general looseness opens the way to those who seek personal gain at the expense of the municipality.

One of the proposals now before the Dominion Parliament is the extension of the powers of the railway commission and the appointment of two additional commissioners. One of those mentioned as a possible selection is Mr. William Whyte of the C.P.R. It is pointed out that he would only accept the post at a financial sacrifice. But why should this be necessary? Aren't the interests of the Dominion in the matters that he would have to deal with as railway commissioner quite as big as those which he is looking after on behalf of the C.P.R.? If the country is not to continue at a disadvantage in dealing with large problems and in negotiating with large corporations, it must have in its service men who are able to cope with those who are privately employed and the only way to get such men is to pay them what they can get in private service. A man like Wm. Whyte could accomplish very much for the Dominion on the railway commission, and it would be the poorest sort of economy to let the chance of securing him pass by because we are not willing to pay him what he is worth.

Not only is there need of such men as Mr. Whyte in the service of the Dominion. The large municipalities should soon be brought to a realization of the necessity of having men who are trained to railway and industrial problems to act for them in their negotiations with other bodies. In Edmonton we have the right idea in the commissionership system but there is need for greater expertness on the part of those holding these posts and what is quite as important, a greater disposition on the part of the council to leave the working out of details to those holding these permanent posts. The city's affairs require that only the most competent men be placed in such positions and, once they are there, that the fullest measure of confidence be shown in them.

The agreement in regard to the C.P.R. entrance will not be submitted to the ratemakers next week as intended, the plans for the bridge having not arrived in time for proper examination. The result is fortunate. It will allow the council to go over the whole bargain and reconsider some of the features which are not wholly satisfactory.

The bye-election for the purpose of filling the seat, formerly held by Ald. Walker, will take place on Monday. Three candidates are in the field, Col. E. B. Edwards, Mr. D. R. Fraser and Mr. John Galbraith. Both Col. Edwards and Mr. Fraser were supported by The Saturday News two weeks ago and each made an excellent run. Either would be a source of strength to the council.



J. PALMER COLLINS
as "Lachlan Campbell in 'The Bonnie Brier Bush'"
at the Edmonton Opera House, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 27 and 28.

We trust, however, that Col. Edwards will be elected. His long experience in dealing with intricate municipal problems will prove a very valuable asset to the city during the coming year.

We want to have light cast on the city's affairs and Col. Edwards will do a very great deal towards effecting that object.

Edmonton doesn't need to hire any publicity agent. The world is being constantly informed regarding the future that lies before the city and its hinterland by those who have the ear of the public and who are not acting as part of any systematic "best" programme. Mr. Ernest Thompson-Sutton a few weeks ago took up a large part of the space of the New York Times Saturday Review in telling of the wonderful country that he traversed on his trip north from Edmonton last summer and before the Royal Geographical Society in London last week Mr. A. Harrison, an eminent English scientist who returned from the north to Edmonton early in the autumn, had much the same story to relate.

The franchise, which it is proposed to grant the American-Canadian Oil Company for supplying the city with natural gas, will be submitted to the people of Edmonton on Monday for their approval. The Saturday News has already stated its opinion that the agreement is an excellent one for the supply of what will prove a very great boon to the city. The public has been fully safe-guarded and the company deserves encouragement. As to what it has to offer, the affidavits which appear in another part of this issue and the statement of the management supply information which each ratemayer would do well to carefully consider.

For a number of years past it has been the custom of the Winnipeg Free Press to send out some souvenir which is calculated to do effective advertising work for Western Canada. The custom was introduced in 1901 with a miniature bag of No. 1 Manitoba Hard. On Tuesday there was placed on the desk of the editor of The Saturday News a diminutive barrel, labelled "Pence River Flour." It contained the product of the Hudson Bay Co.'s mill at Fort Vermilion. Accompanying it was a pamphlet which set forth in most attractive fashion the possibilities of the "new northwest" of which Edmonton is the gateway. In considering the future of that country, a fact which should be constantly borne in mind and which the Free Press booklet calls particular

attention is that as the years go by the further north the line below which cereals may be successfully grown is placed. There used to be a western limit as well. It seems incredible now that a high scientific authority should have declared as recently as fifty years ago that wheat growing could never be made a success on this continent west of the state of Ohio. That declaration, made by John Klippart, a member of many learned societies, in his work on "The Wheat Plant," published in 1859, is one of the many interesting matters referred to in the little Free Press book.

An appendix contains up-to-date statistical information in regard to the development and progress of Western Canada, the advertising of which in novel and striking form is the obvious purpose of these Christmas souvenirs. That being their purpose, they are not sent out, it is understood, to the public in Western Canada, but only to the newspapers and are distributed in the east, across the line and in the old country, so as to serve most effectively as advertisements of this country. As advertising literature for Alberta and for Edmonton in particular nothing could be better.

The Vancouver Province in a recent issue had a paragraph which is not without interest to Edmonton in view of the tenant vote issue that was raised at the municipal elections. "One reason why, as a rule, English municipal government is better than it is on this side of the Atlantic," says the Province, "is that the English city is really operated as a business corporation. The franchise is limited to those who have an appreciable financial interest in the city, and consequently the average of the voters is higher in intelligence, more interested in good government. The average English city elects its board of directors (councillors), who elect their president (mayor), thus carrying out the analogy to the business corporation. If our suffrage, for municipal purposes, were restricted to the actual stockholders, owners of property enough to pay an appreciable tax, our average voter would also be more intelligent."

From the Victoria Colonist, as ably a conducted a newspaper as there is in Canada, which, while it supports the Conservative cause, never loses sight of its responsibility to the country at large, we reproduce the following to show what the spirit of British Columbia is on the most vital question now before the Canadian people. Whatever we may think of the views of the people of

the Pacific province, it is evident that they must be given the closest consideration to. On this subject party lines have disappeared. The Colonist's attitude is strictly in accord with what the solid Liberal phalanx from British Columbia in the House of Commons told their fellow members the other day. The Colonist says:

"The position which the Colonist takes is that the government of Canada should ask at the hands of Parliament the authority necessary to restrict Oriental immigration. We do not profess to believe that the European and Asiatic races can be always kept apart, but we do claim that their intermingling should be regulated, and we frankly concede that this view is inspired by a very considerable extent by a belief that we are not yet strong enough in Canada to permit the free entry into this country even of our fellow subjects from India. Therefore we claim that it is the duty of the Dominion government to take the initiative in providing restrictions upon such immigration, and not to cast the onus upon the province. The Prime Minister will not long remain in doubt as to what British Columbia will do. In a little over a month the legislature will meet, and we venture the prediction that one of the first measures to be submitted will be one on the lines of the Natal Act, and that it will be passed without a dissenting voice."

If it is allowed to come into operation, well and good; if it is not, the people of British Columbia will forget the existence of such things as party lines and stand as one man for the enactment of a measure which will prevent a condition of things, the serious nature of which they appreciate more fully than the people of Eastern Canada. But we repeat: The duty of the Dominion government is to ask Parliament to deal with the question, and we add that, in our humble judgment, Sir Wilfrid Laurier will exhibit a limited comprehension of an important issue and show himself to be lacking in those qualities of statesmanship which even his political opponents have recognized his possessing. If he continues to treat Oriental immigration as merely a local matter, magnified by demagogues for their own purposes, and employed by the Conservatives as a means to embarrass him. On the contrary, it is easily the most momentous question of the time."

The Beef Commission Report

The report of the beef commission was made public on Thursday. The document is a lengthy one and its recommendations are so numerous, that it is unwise to attempt any general comment on the contents till next issue. The outstanding feature is that the commissioners feel that the investigation has revealed so serious a state of affairs that radical action is imperative. They found a universal complaint that the meat industry was not on a paying basis. Among the producers of pork there was "an absolute dissatisfaction due to a lack of confidence in the market."

"From the evidence" the commissioners say, "we are forced to believe that there is a monopoly in the industry and that the privilege has been abused."

Their recommendation is that "the government consider the advisability of assisting in the erection of at least one pork packing plant to be located in the district between Calgary and Edmonton." If this proves a success, one might be started in the southern part of the province later.

As to the beef trade, the report emphasizes the necessity of improving the quality of cattle for export and recommends that the government establish three cattle feeding experiment stations. The producer, it is held, has a decided grievance in not being able to dispose of the poorer class of stock to advantage, but, according to the commissioners, it would not be wise for the government to establish a canning factory until those in course of erection at Edmonton and Medicine Hat have

given a trial. If the operation of these does not give satisfactory results, it would then be wise for the government to go on with the erection of a plant.

Mr. Burns's own evidence is cited as proof that the retail meat trade of the province is in a monopolistic state but there has been no direct proof that his company used doubtful methods in order to establish trade in the various towns.

A large part of the report is given up to the question of improving conditions for the small shipper. Almost invariably he has exported at a loss. The treatment that he has received in many cases at the hands of the C.P.R. is described as nothing short of outrageous. The railway commission should be asked to compel the C.P.R. to run a weekly scheduled stock train, which would have the right of way after passenger trains and that its rate of speed be at least 20 miles an hour. It should be made unlawful for the railway to carry stock more than 42 hours without unloading. The charge that there has been unreasonable delay on the part of the C.P.R. in supplying cars to shippers is held to be proven, also that Gordon, Ironsides and Co. have received favors at the expense of those unable to bear it.

The appointment of a live stock commissioner by the provincial government, who will attend to the marketing of Alberta export cattle, is recommended.

As to the chilled meat trade, evidence is cited which goes to show that should the government undertake to establish it, the meat industry would be placed on an altogether new basis, but the commissioners find that their investigations have not been sufficiently complete in this connection to warrant them in making any recommendations.

As to the alleged combination among buyers, the commissioners cannot find any evidence of this in the contravention of the criminal code. One reason why there is not more competition in buying, is that buyers cannot handle with profit the poor class of animals offered for sale. With an improvement in quality, there would be greater demand and consequently more competition.

As to the shrinkage system, it is described as simply robbery, while the system of brand inspection is not only worthless from a protective standpoint but works out an absolute injustice to the shipper.

Considerable space in the first part of the report is given up to the sheep question. The large importations of mutton indicate the unsatisfactory state of the industry in the province. The government should take active steps to encourage it by undertaking sheep feeding experiments in connection with feeding experiment stations.

All in all, the report makes a very readable document and will give rise to a discussion which is sure to lead eventually to results, which will prove of benefit to one of the great industries of the province.

A. W. Poole, Dominion surveyor and party reached Edmonton from the north at the first of the week.

Mr. J. A. Macartney, who is the proprietor of a large and prosperous store in the flourishing town of Hardisty, was a visitor to Edmonton this week, stopping at the Alberta.

An Indian Head despatch says: Archibald Mitchell has accepted a position with the forestry branch of the Dominion department of the interior in connection with the present system of tree planting work on the prairies. Mr. Mitchell at present is in the service of the department of agriculture for the province of Alberta. He is a man of considerable experience in forestry work, having spent many years in the capacity of forester on large estates in Scotland and Wales.

Mr. John Barnett, formerly of the law firm, Emery, Newell and Bolton of Edmonton, is the successor to the law practice of Judge Carpenter in Innisfail. Mr. Barnett is a graduate of Dalhousie University, Halifax, both from art and law departments.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

THE FIRST LINK IN THE CHAIN.

The private car of Mr. Frank W. Morse, the general manager, has been out over the first finished division of the Grand Trunk Pacific from Portage la Prairie to Rivers and the speed recorder registered a mile a minute over the new track. Most of the range of the American west were built hurriedly, two furrows being ploughed across the prairie or desert, the ties thrown down, and the loose dirt tramped under them. Then division after division would be turned over to the operating department, and the track finished between the passing of the trains, so eager were the builders to reach tide water on the Pacific.

The Grand Trunk Pacific are building and finishing as they go, and when this division was turned over to the operating department they were able to whirl wheat cars—those dark-red revenue-earners—along the new line with the speed of an express train.

The writer has just had the pleasure of riding over the first finished division with Mr. Winter, the general superintendent, on his track motor. West of Portage the line lies straight and level for thirty odd miles; then there are a few slight curves, some trestles spanning a valley, and another tangent, over which the future limited trains will fly "as the pigeons flies, straight away, for 8 miles. But the best thing about the thing that counts most for speed and comfort in travel, as well as for economy in operation, is the fact that the line is practically level one throughout the length of the wheat district. All the way the biscuit-colored ballast is spread smooth and wide along the main line and the sidings as well, and one would never know, if not told, that he was travelling over a track that was just being finished for first trains. And when John Riordan, the track expert, is putting the polish and the pumice on the first section, the track laying machine, that great engine, is spitting steel and shooting ties out along the grade to the West, and at the end of each day the skeleton track reaches out another length towards Saskatchewan, the half-way house, so to speak, between Winnipeg and Edmonton. It is expected that before the frost interferes with the work if the road will have reached its steel fingers to this metropolis of the great Saskatchewan Valley, quickening and giving life to this already exceedingly lively little city. The changes already wrought in the Canadian West by reason of the building of this new national highway are really wonderful. Where, but three years ago, when the pathfinders dragged their chains through the waving wild grass, and there was only silence and the sighing wind, new homes are being built and new towns are being born which will become cities at no distant day. Edward Angus in "Canada."

About Town.

Coun von Hammerstein, who has been boring for oil along the Athabasca river, reached Edmonton on Friday last.
Alfred Edmonds was given an honorable discharge at the police court on Friday last, when tried for stealing a fur-lined coat.

Mr. F. W. Peters of the C.P.R. discussed the new freight tariff with Edmonton business men last week. General Manager McLeod of the C.N.R. when in the city last week stated that his company was making experiments with a new kind of smoke stack by which it is expected to avoid the danger of the use of lignite coal.

A suit that aroused much interest was heard last week in Wetaskiwin, when Mr. J. O'Neil Hayes sued Mr. E. W. Day of Bayfield for \$41,000, alleged to be due him in connection with the selection of 120,000 acres, in the centre of which Dayland now stands. Judgment was given for \$400, which allowed Mr. Hayes 23 1/3 cents per acre on one quarter of the number of acres, sold by the Central Alberta Land Co., of the paid up stock of which Mr. Day had purchased 25 per cent. Mr. O. M. Biggar appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. C. C. McCaul K.C. and G. B. Henderson for the defendant. Pleadings were filed on December 23, 30 days so that an appeal might be lodged.

Music and the Drama

THE BONNIE BRIER BUSH.

As The Saturday News goes to press, the lovers of what is best in the drama are eagerly looking forward to the two productions of "The Bonnie Briar Bush" on Friday and Saturday evenings of this week at the Edmonton Opera House. Everywhere that the company has gone it has delighted those who have witnessed its work.

We quote the following from the "Fort William Daily Times Journal": "After all that has been said and written about the dramatic production from Ian MacLaren's "Bonnie Briar Bush," it is difficult for any of us to add anything more. The prodigious advance made in the art of something out of the ordinary, something better and more satisfying than we have had the opportunity of seeing and enjoying before. Sufficient for us to say that we were not disappointed. The play fully sustained its reputation."

"Over the largest audience last evening in the Auditorium, there swept a wave of appreciation, after the first act, that must have been gratifying evidence to the actors that their efforts were fully appreciated and their talent recognized. Laughlin Campbell, as portrayed by Mr. J. Palmer Collins, is a living reality; he is a better old man, and so well does he play upon the emotions of the audience that it lies under his spell to will and to do at his pleasure. Mr. Collins has a great grasp of the character Ian MacLaren created with his magic pen.

"Posty," how we all loved his jolly round face. He has only to wink at the audience to make a spasm of mirth sweep over the theatre. But his jolly face put one in mind of an Irishman more than a Scotchman. "Posty was all right," was the universal verdict of the audience, and to that wide spread opinion we bow in well pleased acquiescence. Mr. Collins is a fun-maker from the start and his every appearance is hailed with delight.

Robert Ireland, as Dr. McLeure and Lachlan Campbell, friend, presented his part well. Tammas Mitchell,

as interpreted by Mr. Jarrett, gave a delightful portrait of a bashful swain.

Miss McCann delighted all by her beautiful singing. Miss McCann is a singer of wonderful voice and her selections were happily chosen, and touched a responsive chord in the hearts of those who heard.

"ALL THE COMFORTS OF HOME."

The comedy of the above name which will be put on at the Edmonton Opera House next Monday and Tuesday nights will no doubt prove to be one of the even's of the present theatrical season. More than five hundred tickets have already been sold and the ladies and gentlemen forming the cast are working hard to make it an artistic as well as a financial success. Wm. Winter, the veteran critic of the New York Tribune, said that the situations and climaxes of this piece were a work of art, and the lines were the funniest ever woven on the loom of language. It was not until after Wm. Gillette wrote this piece that he heard the echo of his voice in the halls of fame. Irving Beers who produced the piece with such marked success in the east cities and at Calgary last season says that the present cast compares favorably with any of the previous productions. The principal roles are in the capable hands of Victor Travers, a well-known professional, M. D. Silas, Chas. Collins, Miss Alice Pinkerton, Miss Jennie Brandon, Miss Anna Hetherington, Miss Eva Protheroe, E. H. Sherwell, Miss Derene Miller, G. M. Mitchell, a noted Scotch elocutionist, V. C. Manuel, Owen P. W. Cobb, Miss Jessie Cameron who will sing a solo and Irving Beers. Officers, servants, etc., etc. The Wanderers Amateur Hockey Club and no one should miss it.

OPENING OF PLAN.

The plan for "All the Comforts of Home" will open on Saturday (Dec. 28) morning at the 99 cent store.

Sunny Alberta.

The Frank Paper says: "Hy. Smith, president of the Coleman miners union returned the first of the week from Calgary where he had been in attendance at the joint convention of the Labor Congress and the Society of Equity. Mr. Smith stated that the convention adopted the socialist platform as the political platform of the two organizations in the coming dominion campaign. Mr. Smith also stated that the report given out earlier in the fall to the effect that the U.M.W.A. and Society of Equity would unite and put a labor candidate in the field in this riding, is untrue; the Society of Equity has decided to deal with the labor union but that there will be a straight socialist candidate in Macleod riding and in or two other constituencies. Who the candidate for this riding is to be has not been decided."

A ball will be held in Cardston under the auspices of the Board of Trade on Jan. 17th.

Led by Representative: "For a couple of weeks past, the Banks have been refusing to cash wolf bounty cheques, and there was a rumor that the Government had withdrawn the bounty. Such, however, is not the case. Our member, Mr. Telford, informs The Representative that but \$2,000 was set aside to pay bounties, and the banks had instructions to pay out that amount. The appropriation having been exhausted the banks ceased payment, but the bounties will be continued and all cheques will be redeemed as soon as the Legislature meets and is able to pass another appropriation. In the meantime, bring on your coyotes."

The Gleichen Call: "Mr. Nagatani, a native of Japan, spent several days last week in the vicinity of Nankam and Strathmore looking for best land on which to locate a colony of Japanese and, like the wily Jap, no one knew anything of his intentions until he applied at the Canadian Pacific Irrigation Colonization Co. offices in Calgary of a tract of irrigable land. It is stated on the best authority that he informed the company that he had examined the land and was satisfied it was quite suitable for sugar beets, and that he wanted 10,000 acres in a block to start with, but would require 50,000 altogether or wish to locate a Japanese colony. These facts have been going the rounds for a few days and no little comment is heard upon the probability of the scheme going through, and what would the result be. Many are quite opposed to such a colony, while others are not certain that they would not prove a benefit, but even these men talk of it with grave doubts as to the trouble that might ensue."

Mr. James Henderson of Second street, Edmonton, has been elected a fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects. This society, which first received its charter in the reign of Edward IV requires a very high standard in order to admit any one a member of its body.

ALBERTA'S WEATHER.

The following figures indicate the constancy and quality of the province's climate in the various crop districts. They represent the mean seasonal temperature during the months of April to August as given by the director of the Meteorological Department. The observations extend over a series of years as the table shows:

	No. of years observed	Av. 5 mths
5 Banff	11	48.7
5 Calgary	11	52.6
14 Edmonton	22	54.9
17 Fort Dugan	3	51.4
8 Kneehill	5	52.3
4 Lesser Slave Lake	1	52.2
6 Medicine Hat	22	58.9
2 Macleod	9	55.9
2 Pincher Creek	5	52.6
9 Red Deer	3	51.5
2 Yarrow	1	53.9
3 Lethbridge	3	56.1

An enthusiastic reception was given Mr. F. A. Morrison, candidate in Victorian constituency, by the Conservatives of Fort Saskatchewan last Wednesday.

Public Notice

SITTINGS OF THE DISTRICT COURTS OF ALBERTA

There will be sittings of the District Courts of Alberta for the trial of actions and any other civil business, which may properly be brought before the said Courts, at the following times and places:

DISTRICT COURT OF EDMONTON

At Edmonton, beginning the third Tuesday in January, 1908.

DISTRICT COURT OF CALGARY

At Calgary, beginning the third Tuesday in January, 1908.

At Medicine Hat, beginning the second Tuesday in February, 1908.

DISTRICT COURT OF WETASKIWIN

At Wetaskiwin, beginning the third Tuesday in January, 1908.

At Red Deer, beginning the first Tuesday in February, 1908.

DISTRICT COURT OF MACLEOD

At Macleod, beginning the third Tuesday in January, 1908.

DISTRICT COURT OF LETHBRIDGE

At Lethbridge, beginning the third Tuesday in January, 1908.

Dated at Edmonton this 24th day of December, A.D., 1907.

S. B. WOODS,
Deputy Attorney General

The DOMINION BANK

Pays special attention to

Savings Accounts

Interest Paid Four Times a Year

Edmonton Branch: JASPER AVENUE
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Imperial Bank

OF CANADA

CAPITAL AUTHORIZED - - - \$10,000,000.00
CAPITAL PAID UP - - - 4,860,000.00
REST. - - - 4,860,000.00

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TORONTO

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Dividend No. 2.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of five per cent. per annum upon the Paid Up Capital Stock of this institution has been declared for the half year ending 31st December, 1907, and that the same will be payable at its Banking House in this City and at all of its Branches on and after the Second Day of January next to the shareholders of record of the Fifteenth Day of December, 1907.

By order of the Board,

J. W. de C. O'GRADY,

General Manager.

Winnipeg, 25th November, 1907

The Store that sells for the lowest prices

Stock Taking

Commences Thursday, Dec. 26th

We commence our annual stock-taking which continues until January 11th, 1908. During this time we will be offering a great many bargains in all lines of seasonable goods. Furs, Cloth Goods, Fur-lined Coats,

Remnants of Dress Goods, etc.

Our counters and tables will be piled with ends of

Dress Goods, Linens, Flannelette

Silks, etc.

at prices cut right down to cost and below.

This will enable our customers to secure very

Special Bargains

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THE LOUNGER

THE ELEVENTH HOUR.
(Richmond Times Dispatch.)

He pushed along the crowded, frantie street.

He jammed his person through the hurly-burly;

And as the thousands trod upon his feet

He mused: "I meant to do my shopping early."

And someone swayed and faintly close beside.

And tumbled—'twas a pretty, winsome girlie.

They brought her to with water and she sighed:

"You see, I should have done my shopping early."

The little tot was tired out, alack!

The tear-drops coursed his cheeks, and they were weary.

And as his mother tossed him on her back,

He shrieked: "I wish I'd dot my presents early."

A lady at the counter screamed and died—

Poor thing! the throngs had made her brain all whirly;

And just before she passed away she cried:

"I think you might have done your shopping early!"

The poet checked his ballad of advice,

And tore his locks, (which 'twere to rhyme) quite curly.

And yelled: "I'll have to quit this in a trice!"

By Heck! I meant to do my shopping early."

At this season of the year when young men, in the midst of family gatherings and with mistletoe and other suggestions of light-headedness near at hand, are apt to do things which they will regret later and lay up for themselves a sorrow's crown of sorrows, it would be a very kindly and timely act for me to reproduce a story which I read the other day in the "Memoirs of the Countess de Boigne." The incident happened during her stay in Rome in the latter years of the eighteenth century:

It happened that a well-known Englishman, handsome, clever, of high social position, and immensely rich, fell in love with Miss Taylor, who could bring her husband nothing but her pretty face. Mr. Wilbraham Bootle, however, aspired to obtain her hand, and easily obtained her consent. The marriage day had been fixed. At a great dinner at Lord Camelford's the conversation turned upon an ascent that had been made in the morning to the cross upon the dome of St. Peter's. To reach the cross, it was necessary to pass outside the wall. Mr. Wilbraham Bootle said that he did not possess a steady head, would never be able to reach the cross, and that nothing in the world would induce him to try.

"Nothing in the world," said Miss Taylor.

"Nothing, I can assure you."

"What, not even if I were to ask you?"

"You would not ask me to do a thing for which I frankly admit my dislike."

"Excuse me, I do ask you, I beg of you, and if necessary, I insist."

Mr. Wilbraham Bootle attempted to laugh the matter off, but Miss Taylor insisted, notwithstanding the interference of Lord Camelford.

The whole company met two days later following at St. Peter's to watch the performance of the task imposed upon the young man.

He performed his trial with great coolness, and when he came down the triumphant beauty came forward with outstretched hand; he took her hand, kissed it, and said: "Miss Taylor, I have obeyed the whim of a charming girl. Permit me now in return to give you a piece of advice; if you wish to keep your power, never misuse it. I wish you all prosperity, and now goodbye."

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For

New Year

AT

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Fancy Work for New Year

WE are now showing a very choice assortment of Cushion Tops, Towel

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Frames, Tray Cloths, Sideboard Cloths and Doylies for embroidery work.

Think of it! Christmas will be here in less than a month. Now is the time

to secure your fancy work while the stock is complete, fresh, and clean.

We are also showing a large selection of Stamped Linen for embroidery work

including Table Centres, Tray Cloths, Doylies, etc.

The Week in Calgary

As Reviewed by the Correspondent of the Saturday News

The Power Proposition A Shield for Punctuality The "Punk" Pink Tea and the Apollo Choir To Build Registry Office by Day Labor Effort to Unseat Ald. Samis.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

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New Year's

TOILET ARTICLES make very acceptable New Year's gifts.

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IN THE ATHLETIC WORLD



Alberta has at last had cold enough weather to allow the winter sports to commence and hockey and curling are now in full swing. In Edmonton the old curling rink is again in commission and each evening sees a large crowd of devotees of the grand old sport gathered there.

Christmas Day for many years past has seen a hockey match between Edmonton and Strathcona. This year it saw two. Before an immense crowd at the Thistle rink the professional teams of the two cities put on a first class exhibition, Edmonton winning by 9-7. On both sides were men whom the enthusiasts of other years had cheered themselves hoarse for. Banford was at point for Edmonton and Deeton and Campbell on the forward line. Raitt was at point for Strathcona and McLeod and McArthur among the forwards. Each was captained

by a player with a big reputation, Whitcroft for Edmonton, and Kent, formerly of North Battleford, for Strathcona. Each showed himself a whirlwind of a player and a general of no mean ability. The two Wilsons and Crowley, new faces on Edmonton ice, showed up well. For Strathcona Graydon and Patton, late of the Winnipeg Strathconas, are a source of considerable strength.

On the other side of the river the Edmonton amateurs defeated those of Strathcona by 5 to 1. Humeston, Hampton and Ritchie, Strathcona players of other years, figure with the new organization. Arnold John, ston is with Edmonton but most of the others were comparatively new to the game. The play was clean and fast and both clubs should make a good showing with those of the rest of the province.

A most successful banquet was held by the master builders of Edmonton in the Mechanic's Hall last Tuesday night.

A plan is on foot to purchase the Plains of Abraham as a national park, and Edmonton is asked its co-operation. The governor-general has communicated with Lieutenant-Governor Bulyea regarding the matter, and he has called on the Edmonton Canadian club to meet and discuss the matter. The co-operation of other organizations in the city has also been asked for at the next luncheon of the Canadian club on December 30. Mayor Griesbach will deliver an address on "The Battle of the Plains of Abraham."

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NOTICE

The reduction sale at the Toronto Millinery Store is still going on with added new goods for Christmas trade at surprisingly low prices. Our stock is full and up-to-date; children's goods at cost.

Mrs. McCully has secured a window in the parlors of Mrs. Ferrier and has now on exhibition hand-painted china, burnt work and oil paintings which she is offering at remarkably low figures.

MRS. FERRIER
143 Jasper Avenue West
Next door to the Hudson's Bay Stores

In the District Court of the District of Edmonton.

In the matter of the Estate of MAH DEB, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the order made herein by the Honourable Mr. Justice Taylor on the 19th day of December, A.D. 1907, that all persons having claims against the estate of the said Mah Deb, who died on or about the 29th day of November, A.D. 1907, at Edmonton in the Province of Alberta are required to send by post prepaid or to deliver to Messrs. Wallbridge and Macdonald, of Edmonton aforesaid, solicitors for the Administrator on or before the 25th day of January A.D. 1908, their Christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them duly verified by statutory declaration, and that after the said last mentioned date the said administrator will distribute the assets among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and will not be liable to any person whose claim has not been received by him at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta, this 19th day of December, A.D. 1907.
WALLBRIDGE & MACDONALD
Solicitors for the administrator.



"At Cripple Creek" at Edmonton Opera House
Afternoon and Evening January 1st.

GREETINGS

We wish our many patrons
A very Merrie Xmas
The balance of our Xmas goods will be disposed of at a reduction of
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This is your chance to get a dainty remembrance at a very low price

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NEW YEAR'S GIFTS

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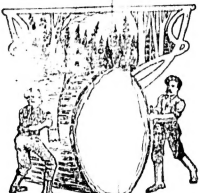
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THE MIRROR

(Continued from page 7)
HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon
The pageant of the world goes by
For you, for you, I pause and con-
A Stand-by!

Gazing out of the window I write (Thursday) it strikes me that the conditions obtaining out of doors very adequately describe the state of affairs in the social world for the week just past. Snowed under. Snowed under such a mad, merry bustling about preparing for THE day, buried beneath such a tremendous exchange of gift making and gift taking, borne out of sight by participation in such intimate family dinner parties, reunions and such particular entertainments that the mention of a "tea" becomes an outrage, and the idea of writing social "copy" the deadliest horror.

Enough that the most of us have been very, very happy; have had much cause for thankfulness and been made tender of heart, by loving greetings and salutes from ships, some of them far distant and almost forgotten—"ships that pass in the night," and that at this time of year, if no other, "salute each other in passing."

Everyone who could muster up a turkey and annex a plum pudding of course gave a Christmas dinner, and very few families sat down without one or more "strayed" or "lonely." Some day we hope some one will gather in like fashion our boys, for Christmas dinner, outside a family circle is a ghost of a meal, a very fraud of a feast. Of course there were Christmas trees—a very forest of them—and Santa, somehow in all the scuffle, kept his head and in wonderful manner managed to give everyone "just the thing" he or she wanted. It's a way he has, these him a nice old-fashioned up-to-date way that we hope time will never wither nor custom stale.

But perhaps the most unique social happening of the week was Mrs. Cautley's "baby" party, given in honor of her own daughter, at Beaton Lodge with much state and ceremony on Tuesday afternoon.

Owing to their extreme youthfulness, these tiny girls and I have no doubt their future beauty-to-be, arrived early, very early, and were in each case accompanied by their adoring mothers—and such a gathering of youth and beauty, eye witnesses assure me, never graced a party in Edmonton. The frocks

were things to dream about, all tucks and cob-webby lace and dainty ribbon bows, and if the boys occasionally did get mistaken for girls when the fun was at its height, who was to blame but Dame Fashion who in kindly mood loans us the same folly garments for our boys that she has set for their sisters; little white baby dresses, that keep these sturdy chaps a few months longer where we would have them be, in their mothers' arms.

The department of these twelve or fifteen infants was irreproachable and in days to be I have no doubt some of the boys will be declaring they have loved some of these identical girls "ever since that Christmas party, you will remember dear, at the Cautleys'."

The opening night of the skating club, despite the Christmas rush, on Monday evening, was a splendid success. Fine ice, good music, and the enthusiastic attendance, making it an evening to remember. While a number of the members are only just learning to keep their balance, others intend attempting fancy figure skating so there will be something outside the mere exercise to arouse the club member's interest.

Miss Beatrice Beck is home from her visit to the coast, and is looking wonderfully bright and well.

Mrs. James Lyons Biggar leaves for a week's visit to Calgary to visit her cousin, Mrs. Peterson, on Monday.

Mr. Mowat Biggar is also away, having left on Christmas night for Toronto, where he will attend his sister's wedding to Mr. Robinson, on Dec. 31st, afterwards remaining for a two week's visit.

As the Golf dance occurs too late in the week for mention in these columns I shall have to hold over my account until our next issue.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor will hold a levee at Government House from 2 to 5.30 p.m. on New Year's day. Mrs. Bulvey will be at home in her private parlor, during the same hours, to any of His Honor's visitors who may wish to call upon her.

Peggy

EDMONTON MARKETS

On the local markets "the receipts are very light. Oats are selling on market square at 25 to 40c per bushel.

Elevator prices.

No. 1 Northern wheat, 85c bus; No. 2, Nor. wheat, 82c per bushel; No. 3, Nor. wheat, 80c per bushel; lower grades, 30c to 60c per bushel; No. 1 White Oats, 30c per bushel; No. 2 white Oats, 25c per bushel; No. 3 white Oats, 22c per bushel; Feed barley, 25 to 35c per bus; malted barley, 45c per bushel; No. 1 N.W. Flax, \$1.00 per bushel.

HAY.

No. old hay. Liberal supplies of new hay.
Railing prices about as follows:
Baled Hay in car lots—
Slough, \$10 to \$15 per ton.
Upland, \$14 to \$18 per ton.
Timothy \$18 per ton.

By the load on market square, new—
Slough, \$8 to \$12 per ton.
Upland, \$8 to \$16 per ton.
Timothy, \$12 up per ton

Flour, Retail.

Local patent \$3.20 per cwt.
Strong Bakers, \$2.75 per cwt.
Manitoba, best patent, \$3.60.

PRODUCE MARKET.

Prices quoted are average prices being paid to farmers in quantities.

Eggs.

Strictly fresh, 35c to 40c per doz.
Very scarce.
Glycerined eggs 35c per doz.

Butter.

Fancy dairy, 1 pound prints, 28 cents per pound.
Good to choice dairy, 20 to 25 cents per pound.
Dairy in crocks and tubs, 18 to 25 cents per pound, creamery butter 35 cents per pound.

Vegetables

Turnips, 1c. per lb.
Cauliflowers, 2c. per lb.
Parasprins, 3c. per lb.
Beets, 2c. per lb.
Onions, 2c. per lb.
Potatoes, 4c. to 4 1/2c per bushel.

LIVE STOCK

Very plentiful.
Receipts of hogs are light. Cattle are becoming more plentiful. Cattle, live weight—Steers, 22c per pound; Cows, 2 to 2 1/2c per pound. Live hogs, heavy, 4 1/2c per pound; light and medium, 4c to 4 1/2c per pound. Live sheep 5 1/2c per pound. Veal calves, live weight, 3 1/2c per lb. Veal calves, dressed, 6 to 8c per pound.

POULTRY

Turkeys—16c to 20c per lb., dressed
Old hens 10c per lb., dressed.
Spring chickens 12 1/2 to 14c per lb.
Ducks—14c, dressed.
Geese—12c to 14c per lb., dressed

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHAMPAGNES.

IMPORTATIONS INTO THE UNITED STATES FOR 1911 MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 30th, 1907.

Imports into the United States for eleven months ending November 30th, 1907.

Cases	Value
G. H. Mumm and Co	108,574
Moet and Chandon	70,204
Charles Heidsieck and Crenu	44,967
Voe Clereout	37,027
Krug and Co	14,255
Louis Roederer	10,609
Reimart Roger and Fils	9,265
Pol Roger	70,550
Dry Monopole	6,483
Duc de Montebello	4,889
Aynla and Co	2,792
Perrier-Jouet	2,481
Delbeck and Co	637
Various other brands	28,421
Grand Total	348,328

Compiled from United States Customs House records.

NEW YEAR, 1908.

Gone is another year.
Drop we a kindly tear.
For bonanzas it brought us.
Days with the sunshine bright
And the calm, peaceful night
When heaven's starry light
Eternity taught us.

If there were days of pain,
They like the summer rain,
Kindly and tender
Nourished from unseen store
A soul often weak and sore
Which, taking faith once more,
Thank'd God—the sender.

For all the blessings near,
They who brought joy and cheer
True hearts and kindly.
For words of counsel true
And for the chiding too,
When acting blindly.

With faith looking forward then,
Greetings to all we send
Wishing another
A year crowned with earnest deeds.

While each day nearer leads
In strength and in weakest needs
To God—our Father

—O. A. Broughton.

Dec. 1, 1907.

Don't

BE A PESSIMIST!

The Winnipeg Commercial tenders this excellent and reasonable advice to the business world:

"If a merchant slackens on his advertising his present customers or his prospective patrons will come to the conclusion that his business is slackening, and while one hammers away enthusiastically at his publicity campaign he gives the impression that his business is booming with him, and he fixes himself in the eyes of the trade as a man of push, enterprise and progress.

"Make the good times your own; restore confidence by being confident. The best method is by bright, cheerful advertising. Don't go around with a long face, with 'blue' stories of 'up against it,' 'down and out,' etc., or people will be afraid to do business with you. If every jobber and manufacturer were to begin an advertising campaign in January and announce that the depression had past, we venture to predict that in a short time an atmosphere of cheerfulness and confidence would be restored to the most gloomy in the land.

"No man is more constantly unhappy, or makes others more so, than the pessimist. He is out of harmony with things; and all other things fight and worry him. He loses the true dignity of life. If every business house will go to work with a will to convince their customers that there is no real cause for suspension of business, confidence will be restored almost immediately. Will it not be worth while for us all to take a hand in overcoming this unreasonable scare? Conditions are such that we are sure it can be accomplished if all will put their hands and minds to the plow, in union there is strength. Let us try it."

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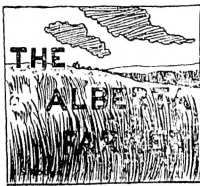
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(Extract from the constitution of
the Alberta Farmers' Association.)
This Association is not a political
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party nor the candidature of any
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sociation shall be—

- (1) To forward the interests of
the producers of grain and live
stock in every honorable and
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- (2) To hold meetings for the dis-
cussion of subjects pertaining
to the production of grain and
live stock, and the best means
of marketing the same.
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superior varieties of grain,
and the breeding and rearing of
improved stock.
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ment of industries which will
give the producer greater fac-
ilities for marketing his pro-
duce.
- (5) To obtain by united effort
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for farm produce.
- (6) To watch legislation relating
to the farmers' interests, par-
ticularly that affecting the mar-
keting and transportation of
farm produce.
- (7) To suggest to Parliament
from time to time as it is
found necessary through duly
appointed delegates, the pass-
ing of any new legislation to
meet changing conditions and
requirements.

The officers of the A.F.A. are as
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Directors, George J. Ball,
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Strathcona; Henry Jamieson,
Red Deer; George MacDonald,
Olds; T. W. Harris, Raymond;
E. N. Barker, Cardston.

Freight rates per bushel on
wheat, oats and barley from the
following points to Fort William
and Port Arthur.

Via C.N.R.—			
From	Wheat	Oats	Barley
Edmonton -	-	-	-
Strathcona -	15.00	8.50	12.00
Port Arthur -	-	-	-
Saskatchewan	-	-	-
Vegreville -	14.40	8.16	11.52
Vermilion -	-	-	-
Lloydminster -	15.00	8.84	12.48
Morinville -	-	-	-
Stoney Plain -	-	-	-

Via C.P.R.—			
From	Wheat	Oats	Barley
Edmonton -	-	-	-
Strathcona -	15.00	8.5	12.00
Wetaskiwin -	-	-	-
Red Deer -	-	-	-
Didsbury -	-	-	-
Calgary -	14.4	8.5	12.00
Okotoks -	15.00	8.84	12.48
Macleod -	14.4	8.5	12.00
Pincher Creek -	15.00	8.84	12.48
Lethbridge -	13.8	8.16	11.52
Raymond -	17.4	10.2	14.4
Cardston -	18.00	10.54	14.88
Clareholm -	15.00	8.84	12.48
High River -	15.00	8.84	12.48
Stettler -	16.20	9.18	12.96
Daysland -	16.20	9.18	12.96

THE STRATHCONA BRANCH
OF THE A.F.A.

The 3rd annual meeting of the
Strathcona branch was held in the
council chamber, Strathcona, on
Saturday, Dec. 14th. A large num-
ber of farmers were present. Presi-
dent D. S. Fulton called the meet-
ing to order and Secretary Sheppard
read minutes of previous meeting
and gave his annual report, and
financial statement. On motion the
W. Lang, seconded by A. G. McLeod,
both were adopted unanimously.
The President moved a vote of
thanks to Mr. Sheppard for the ex-
cellent report and also the interest
he has always taken in the affairs of
the Association. This was seconded
by R. Weir, and carried unani-
mously. Officers for 1918 were
elected as follows: President, J.
Herbert, Strathcona; vice president,
T. Daly, Clover Bar; secretary,
treasurer, R. Sheppard, Strathcona;
assistant secretary, treasurer, J.
Govenlock, Ellerslie; directors, J.
Govenlock, Ellerslie, M. Seltzer,
Strathcona, G. Ball, Strathcona,

D. S. Fulton, Edmonton, E. G. Wal-
ker, Strathcona, W. Dean, Strath-
cona.
Delegates to the annual con-
vention of the central association, to
be held in Edmonton on the 8th and
9th of January, were elected as fol-
lows: A. G. McLeod, J. Govenlock,
J. Ball, J. R. Sheppard, G. Ball,
F. Herbert, W. Lang, J. Fletcher.
The meeting voted in favor of
holding a second grain fair in Edmon-
ton, and appointed a committee as
follows: T. Daly, G. Ball, M. Seltzer,
J. Govenlock, and Sec. R. Shep-
pard.

OUR PROSPEROUS FARMERS!

The arguments and figures which
are now appearing in the press of
the country going to show that
the farmers are as well or better
off this year than they were last,
reminds us of a story we heard sev-
eral years ago about a political
meeting at which Sir John McDon-
ald and Sir Wilfrid Laurier were
the principal speakers. Sir John had
devoted most of his time to sub-
mitting figures to show that the Dom-
inion was in a prosperous condition
and Sir Wilfrid in replying to them
said: "If we were really enjoying
the degree of prosperity claimed,
we would not need all these figures
to prove it; we would feel some of
it in our pockets." But even taking
the figures submitted and inquir-
ing into the facts behind them, we
find that the compilers are none too
careful in their investigations. Had
prices stayed where they were two
months ago, the statement that the
farmers are as well or better off
this year as last would have been correct,
but prices did not stay there; and
to the extent that they have fallen,
the farmer worse off than he was
at this time last year. It is useless
to quote the prices of No. 2 oats
this year as compared with December
1906, because then nearly every one
had No. 2 oats; while today practi-
cally no one has. Practically all the
oats marketed thus far have been
graded rejected on account of frost,
and the price has slumped from 35c
to 25c per bushel. This puts the
oats the farmer raised in 1907, 2c
below the price he received for what
he raised in 1906. But this is not
his only disadvantage. The price of
measured bushels obtained from a
given area has been on an average
at least 1-1/2 less and the weight per
bushel 10 lbs. less.

We have read crop reports during
the past season which, after we had
ascertained the facts, sounded very
fanciful. We read of one man whose
crop of oats averaged 30 bushels
per acre. The fact was that 30 acres
of summer fallow did yield such a
crop, the bulk of the remainder went
to the stock feeders, and the 30 acres
were not considered worth thresh-
ing. Another report was of a farm-
er who had threshed 8,000 bushels
of oats from 100 acres of land, an
average of 80 bushels per acre. The
facts in this case were that the man
who did his threshing had him
broke less than 6,000 bushels,
and the acreage was 155, or 38 2/3
bushels per acre.

We have no desire to act the part
of a knocker, but we have no inten-
tion of playing ostrich with a view
to deceiving ourselves, nor do we in-
tend to try to deceive anybody else.
The fact is that outside the winter
wheat belt the farmers are not as
well off as they were a year ago,
while even in that belt they are by
no means as well off as they expected
to be.

We are continually receiving re-
ports from there of good yields,
indifferent quality and poor mar-
kets. No. 1 and 2 Alberta Red are
bringing a better price this year
than last, but like the oat crop in
the north, the percentage of 1 and
2 Alberta Red is small compared
with the lower grades, and feed
which is selling as low as 30c per
bushel.

W. F. STEVENS
— See A.F.A. —

PRICES IN DAYSLAND.
The secretary of the A.F.A. is in
receipt of a letter from Chas. Berg-
quist, local secretary in Daysland,
in which that gentleman states that on
Dec. 9th frosted wheat was selling
for 18c per bushel in that place.
The farmers are being spoken for;
it may be the case but they are using
a very small spoon out in Daysland.

EDUCATION AND SPECU- LATION.

Dear Sir,—As I see you give space
in your paper in regard to educa-
tion, I have the permission to say
a few words also. I have been in
this country for nearly nine years,
and in all that time my children
have had no chance to be in school.
My eldest boy is 11 years old to-
day. Why? Simply because there
is too much land held for
speculation, and so many people
driving hundreds of miles to do
it, that the land is being sold for
more than its value. If they
were to raise their children up with-
out an education to go out into the
world and not be able to take their
place in civic or public affairs,
Some of these people are driven to
town or some other place to try and
educate their children, but not all
can afford to leave their homes and

go where they can educate their chil-
dren. Is it not easy to see the con-
dition would be better if we had more
schools, and at the same time our
children would be benefited by it?

Now most of this and is held for
speculation, is held by men who can
afford to send their children to
school and live better there, while we
slave on the farms, making roads,
improving the country, and increas-
ing their land in value and our chil-
dren are growing up on the farms
without an education. Now I think
wherever there are any children
there should be a way provided so
that these children can get at least
a fair education. If land is worth
enough surely it is worth at least
enough to keep school going six
months in the year. Surely it is not
hard for anyone to see there needs be
immediate attention in regard to
schools.

If there is a man coming along look-
ing for land he will ask, "If I take
that piece of land, or buy it, is there
a school I can send my children to?"
Or if no school, he will say, "No,
I must get a home where my chil-
dren can get an education." God
bless such a man, for he has the
heart of a father to look for the wel-
fare of his children. But what
disappointment it is to those to lose
a man who has children of school
age. If he had only bought that
piece of land our children might
have gone to school. But we must
wait and hope, think of it. What is
land to a father and mother if their
children grow up without an educa-
tion and they have to go out into
the world and are not able to meet
civil and public affairs.

According to the school laws there
must be a certain number of chil-
dren before you can get a school.
So if there are just a few lacking they
must go without school. What a
blessing it would be to those few
children and their parents, sisters
and brothers to make up the num-
ber. And if there is not a certain
number to make an average atten-
dance then we do not get a govern-
ment grant. So if you have a school
built, how much better off are you.

This fall I was in Edmonton and
Strathcona and saw the nice schools
they had built there, did it not make
my heart ache for many a child who
is living way out in a home far
from any school. I could not but
help think of the children in those
towns who owned land, probably for
speculation too, and had children
and were educating them at those
schools, while their land is of no
use to them. I am glad to see that
other children only under certain
conditions. If a man's children
must be counted to get an education,
they should be counted on with
his taxes in every district where he
owns land whether he lives on it or
not. Then it would not matter where
the children were educated. Other
children would not have to go with-
out an education. I am glad that
this matter has been taken up by
the A.F.A., for there is so much
dissatisfaction in this province in
regard to schools. Thanking you for
space, I remain, yours truly,
Mrs. J. M. McGintie.

Tofield.

The annual general meeting of
the East Clover Bar branch of the
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Where the white-winged silence dwells,
And through the hush of the city streets
Rings the music of New Year's bells.
There is borne to my soul on the silver chimes
A message of peace and pain.
A smile for the new—and a tear for the old,
That can never be mine again.

Good-bye, Old Year, you have done your part.
You are needed no longer now:
Grim Time will bury deep out of sight
Your furrowed and pain drawn brow.

We used you hardly, perhaps, and yet
God knows that we meant you well
When we ran to meet you a year ago,
And you rang our sad heart's knell,
Old Year, you rang our sad heart's knell.

"Of all sounds of all bells—(bells, the music highest bordering upon heaven)—most solemn and touching is the peal which rings out the Old Year. I never hear it without a gathering up of my mind to a concentration of all the images that have been diffused over the past twelve months; all I have done or suffered, performed or neglected, in that regretted time. I begin to know its worth, as when a person dies."

So wrote the most charming essayist of his, or any other, times, gentle, sweethearted, whimsical Charles Lamb, who, because he had suffered greatly took his happiness in full measure; a man not given to sermonizing you will admit, but acknowledging to supreme sadness when he heard the bells ring out the death knell of the year, the year that however sorrow-crowned, however much of failure it had held, was still an old and much tried friend. Later, if you will read the essay from which I have quoted, that on "New Year's Eve," you will see how the thoughts of the tolling of the bells naturally brought to mind the idea of Death, and that the whole article is tinged with a tender regret that leaves one gently chastened and in the mood for much personal introspection.

"As when a person dies," you know the crushing sensation. The crying out of your heart that you have never meant the half the sadness you may have unwittingly caused the dear departed. The awful longing that assails you to only have the living of that part of your life over again, that you may be what you have never been, because you were naturally human and erring. It is as if you sat before the glass, another Lady of Shalott, and watched the shadows of the year appear. Failures, successes, misadventures, petty triumphs, the fruits of your uncharitable tongue a grim procession, that ghost-like on the approach of their conquering successors walk yet again to fix themselves in your memory.

In such wise I set myself the task of looking over the reflections that have appeared in "The Mirror" during the year just gone; a formidable number—and as I turned them over one by one, I was brought to a realization of how the marvelous story of how our lives continue itself on the same lines year by year, chapter after chapter.

The titles to be sure were many and varied, the passing event or the transient conditions obtaining while the thoughts took form were new and vivid, but there remained the skeleton of one unending tale upon which each new year had hung a garment after its own fashion. Birth, life, death, struggle, war, peace; the same laughter, the same tears, the same applause, the same heroism, the same horror.

No wonder that we are so knit in unity with the past, nor is it so strange that the future is so a part of the present. Will there come a time when men and women will love and hate after a different fashion? Must our children's joys and sorrows reflect ours as we reproduce those of the generations gone? "What wonderful changes time has wrought," we say one to the other. But we open the new doors of unfamiliar dwellings to find the same sweet harmony attuning itself at love's command.

One day it is the pageant of inauguration ceremonies, to-morrow the depression of a great financial stringency; the next year will find it changed, but the book of life needs no new title nor even a fresh volume; the heart of man and the passions which uplift him or destroy him, maintain their places.

And so in this unimportant column, if it is the song of the coming spring, or the chirp of the cricket on the hearth, which wins the reader's momentary attention, it is not of whom or of what the writer tries to speak that carries his eyes

down the brief paragraphs, but that thread of kinship which he recognizes and makes his own. "Yes, that is true, I have often noticed it myself, and my mother, enjoyed it after the same fashion."
We are sorry enough for many a thing done in these passing years; they will make startling episodes in the Great Book, and again we have things to be glad for, acts that will not make us out too sorry figures in the long scroll, or tempt those who come after us to skip our little chapters. It is as if the red roses of last June and that many a June before that, come back to us, just as we wait in an interesting book for the reappearance of the character who has been off the stage while the needful complement of other characters enacted their parts. Let us not fancy that red roses have ceased to bloom because one cannot find them in December. The strong current of vital life-blood will reappear when time gives opportunity.

May the new year, just on the threshold, be a bright and prosperous one for our brave little city, may no clouds dim the splendour of Alberta sunshine, may each of you have a bright and happy New Year is my heartfelt wish for you.

A CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY.

Not having sense enough to know when I'm beaten, and with the day forty eight hours past for which I would send you greetings, I still insist on running in the end of my Christmas article, which thanks to the kindness of our make up man was last week cut out. Better than I can describe, you may perhaps imagine, my feelings last Friday night on picking up our paper to discover that the Christmas article I had written with a whole world of love in my heart, with such pains that no one should be forgotten, lay blazoned forth minus a single Merry Christmas to any of you. I am not often at a loss for words but this little tragedy in my journalistic life, this mutilation of something I had spent time and love on, stirred me up to such a degree that that night I went to bed ill—I'm not saying that it was the cause and I'm not saying it wasn't enough that ill I went to bed and there I have remained blessing all make-up men from the bottom of my heart.

And Saturday night, you see what tricks the gods play on us, along came a note from a prominent professional man, with a warm word of appreciation for my poor disfigured Christmas child, which sent me up into the clouds again and cheered me as nothing else could have done.

"Dear Peggy," wrote this kindly, big-hearted Westerner "may I not congratulate you on your Christmas article in to-day's Saturday News." "You never did anything better" followed by a comparison to a woman's newspaper work who stands to the rest of us, as the little goddess of our profession.

You may be knowing the brief note, with its world of cheer and Christmas wishes, lies along with other treasures in my personal scrap-book. My Vanity book it might be better termed, to which I turn for comfort when days are dark and I am inclined to be cynical.

A thousand good wishes in return to you and yours, H.A.D., and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

And now because I am afraid they may be again crowded out:

To all and each of you my Christmas greetings. To far-away home-leaders, to lonely bachelors, to homesick girls and down-on 'their-luck boys, to sorrowful ones, to the sick, to fortunate kiddies but most of all to those wee ones whom Santa because he is over-worked will somehow forget. A Merry Christmas to Everyone.

"I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round—apart from the veneration due to its sacred name and origin, if anything belonging to it can be apart from that—as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow-passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys."

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Mr. Thomson Seton's Prophecy.

The following are extracts from an interview given by Mr. Thompson Seton to the New York Times on his return from the summer spent in the hinterland of Alberta:

"He became positively enthusiastic in describing the resources and boundless future possibilities of Alberta and Assiniboia, the 'jumping off places' from which he ventured into the unknown regions about Great Slave and Athabasca Lakes:

"About Fort Liard," he declared again tracing an imaginary line across his map, followed by the visitor's attractive eyes, "there will be in future the finest wheat country in the world. Thousands and thousands of Americans are already going to Alberta to settle. Those who know call it the Promised Land. 'I can assure you that, in travelling through this region, I saw no abandoned homesteads. Along the Peace River, for instance, one of the headwaters of the Mackenzie, the country has a splendid future. It is simply waiting for railroads to be built.

After this burst of prophecy, the

explorer's thoughts reverted to the Far North—a north compared with which, as he himself put it, Winnipeg and Alberta and Assiniboia are 'tropical.'

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2. That I did at the request of H. L. Williams, manager of the American-Canadian Oil Company visit a certain well that said American-Canadian Oil Co. is now drilling on the south east quarter section thirteen (13) township fifty six (56) range twenty six (26) West of the fourth (4) Meridian.

3. That I found gas escaping from said well in large quantities from a fourteen inch pipe.

4. That when said gas was lighted it burned with a steady flame of over twenty (20) feet in height from the pipe from which it was flowing.

5. That, from my residence, half mile away from the well, I could hear very plainly the roar made by the gas which was escaping in large quantities from the said well.

Sworn before me at Morinville, in the province of Alberta, this 25th day of August A.D. 1907.

Emery Telfer

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To Wit:

We, C. D. Bartholomew, laborer, A. Benjamin, laborer, P. A. Danger laborer, M. Guertin, gentleman, and Alcide Guertin, formerly hotel keeper, all of Morinville, in the Province of Alberta, Canada,

MAKE OATH AND SAY:

1. That we did at the request of H. L. Williams, Manager of the American-Canadian Oil Company visit the well/the said American-Canadian Oil Co. is drilling on the south east quarter of section thirteen (13) township fifty six (56) range twenty six (26) West of the fourth (4) Meridian.

2. That gas was escaping from said well through a fourteen inch pipe in large quantities.

3. That when said gas was lighted it burned with a steady flame of over twenty (20) feet from the pipe from which said gas was flowing.

SWORN BEFORE ME AT Morinville, in the Province of Alberta, this 25th day of Aug. A.D., 1907.

C. D. Bartholomew
A. Benjamin
P. A. Danger
M. Guertin
Alcide Guertin

Omer St Germain
A Notary Public in and for the Province of Alberta.